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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
SHUICHI KOBAYASHI)
Appln. No.: 09/685,042)
Filed: October 10, 2000)
For: DIFFRACTION OPTICAL DEVICE)
AND OPTICAL SYSTEM)
INCLUDING SAME)

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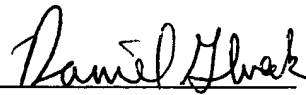
REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO AMEND THE DRAWINGS

Sir:

Enclosed in accordance with U.S. Patent and Trademark Office practice is a proposed drawing change, in red ink, wherein Fig. 4B has been amended to rotate the structure only -- and not the reference numerals -- by 180 degrees (see specification at, e.g., page 15, lines 14 through 20 which describes that first diffraction element 202a has negative power and second diffraction element 202b has positive power). Favorable consideration is earnestly solicited.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should be directed to our address given below.

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